

36th Annual Nonpoint Source Conference

April 7-9, 2026 | Hotel 1620, Plymouth, Massachusetts



Tuesday, April 7, 2026

-1:00	Lunch On your Own	
11:00 - 1:00	Registration Foyer	
1:00 - 1:45	<p>Nitrogen Reduction from Massachusetts Coastal Waters <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Judy Rondeau, MassDEP</p> <p>Brian Harrington, Deputy Regional Director, Southeast Regional Office at MassDEP</p>	
1:45 - 2:00	Break	
2:00 - 3:00	<p>Flushing With Funding <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Meghan Selby, MassDEP</p> <p>A Rhode Island Town's Approach to Septic System Upgrades Within its Central Village Brandon Blanchard & Chris Hayward, Pare Corporation</p> <p>Leveraging Section 319 and State Bond Funding with Rural Development Funding to Remove Failed On-Site Systems in the Mount Hope Bay Watershed Sean McCormick & Betsy Dake, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management</p>	<p>Regional Chloride Discussion <i>Mayflower</i> Moderator: Devon Case, NEIW PCC</p> <p>Water Quality Impacts of De-Icing Salt in Lake Champlain and it's Tributaries Matt Vaughan, Ph.D., Lake Champlain Basin Program</p> <p>Salt Impacts to Private Wells in Connecticut: Investigation and Remediation Challenges Veronica "Roni" Tanguay, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection</p>
	Break	
3:15 - 4:15	<p>N-Ough is Enough <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Malcolm Harper, MassDEP</p> <p>Building Stormwater Stewardship: A Digital Communications Toolkit for Local Action Amy Sauber & Abigail Lyon, Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership</p> <p>Impervious Cover Impact Analysis and Future Stormwater Management Strategies in the Great Bay Watershed Danielle Gaito & Matthew Stamas, US EPA</p>	<p>Regional Chloride Discussion (continued) <i>Mayflower</i></p> <p>Gaining Traction on Road Salt Reduction Jamie Carr, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection</p> <p>GreenSnowPro is a teen! And, other saltiness from the Granite State. Ted Diers, Assistant Water Division Director, NHDES</p>
	<p>Poster Session <i>Atlantic</i> *list of posters at the end of agenda*</p>	
5:30 -	Dinner (on your own)	

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Wednesday, April 8, 2026

7:00 - 8:00	Light Breakfast Mayflower	
8:00 - 9:30	Registration Foyer	
9:30 - 10:15	Regional Welcome <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Devon Case, NEIWPCC Steve McCurdy, Woodard and Curran, and NEIWPCC Commissioner Ken Moraff, Water Division Director, US EPA Region 1 TBD, MassDEP	
10:15 - 11:30	Massachusetts Regional Nonpoint Source Coordinator Panel <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Padmini Das, MassDEP Speaker Coming Soon Speaker Coming Soon Speaker Coming Soon	
11:30 - 11:45	Break	
11:45 - 12:45	Seeing is Believing <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Judy Rondeau, MassDEP Multimedia Storytelling for NPS Outreach and Education: A Case Study Explainer Video from Elizabeth City, NC Asa Eslocker & Emily DiFranco, Weston & Sampson Municipal Stormwater Control Measure (SCM) Inspection and Maintenance (I&M) Guidance Sara Molla & Theresa McGovern, VHB	From Bottle to Bay <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Christina Madonia, US EPA Resilience in Planning for Resilience in Water Quality: Successes and Challenges During the Coppermine Brook Stormwater Management Improvements Project Samantha Dow, Connecticut DEEP A Story of Plastic Debris, a Non-Point Source Pollutant, Along the Neponset River Juanita Urban-Rich, University of Massachusetts Boston
	Lunch Mayflower	

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<p>2:00 - 3:00</p>	<p>Don't Bog Us Down <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Judy Rondeau, MassDEP</p> <p>The Merrill Pond Projects: Restoring Singletary Brook Daniel Buttrick, Tighe & Bond</p> <p>Coastal Resiliency and Hazard Mitigation Planning Geoffrey Glover & Jonas Procton, Horsley Witten Group</p>	<p>Skills That Stick <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Meghan Selby, MassDEP</p> <p>From Research to Practice: Designing a Green Infrastructure Microcredential to Address Plastic Pollution and Workforce Gaps Shannon Hogan, Urban Harbors Institute Nicole Taylor, The John Hopkins University School of Medicine</p> <p>X-Cel-ing at Maintenance: A Collaborative Approach to Maintaining Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Educating Future Water Conservationists. Lisa Holden, X-Cel Education Gemma Kite, Horsley Witten Group</p>
<p>3:00 - 3:30</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>3:30 - 5:30</p>	<p>\$\$ Make It Rain \$\$ <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Richard Friesner, NEIW PCC</p> <p>From Funding to Implementation: Massachusetts Case Studies in Nature-Based Solutions for Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Alex Simpson & Janet Moonan, Weston & Sampson</p> <p>Storytelling, Science, and Stewardship: A Creative Approach to Participatory Watershed Planning in the Upper Saco River Corridor Laura Collins, New England Environmental Finance Center Mark Dindorf, Harts Location Grace Little, FB Environmental</p> <p>Wet Gets Wetter: Antecedent Moisture Controls on Winter Hydrology and Water Quality in a Drinking Water Supply Watershed Tansy Remiszewski & Brett Boisjolie, Department of Conservation and Recreation</p> <p>From Rejection to Renewal: Strengthening Voter Support for Stormwater Investment in Newmarket, NH Andrea Berry, New England Environmental Finance Center Lyndsay Butler, Town of Newmarket, NH</p>	<p>Field Trip</p> <p>The field trip will visit 2 wetland restoration sites in Plymouth, MA that were formerly commercial cranberry bogs.</p> <p>We will be visiting the Town of Plymouth's Eel River Preserves and the Mass Audubon Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary to view two restored former commercial cranberry bogs. Staff from the Town of Plymouth and restoration specialists from the Massachusetts Department of Fish & Wildlife (DFS) Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) will join us to describe the restoration projects.</p> <p>Please note that parking is very limited, carpooling is highly encouraged.</p> <p>Directions and agenda information will be posted on the website.</p>
<p>5:30 - 7:00</p>	<p>Free Networking & Social Event The Cabby Shack 30 Town Wharf, Plymouth, MA Light appetizers will be provided.</p>	
<p>7:00 -</p>	<p>Dinner On your own</p>	

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Thursday, April 9, 2026

7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast Mayflower	
8:30 - 9:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Tide and True <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Malcolm Harper, MassDEP</p> <hr/> <p>OURSHORE - Maine's Guide to Nature-Based Shoreline Stabilization Alex Wong & Jordan Kimball, Maine DEP</p> <hr/> <p>Case Studies Protecting and Improving Coastal Habitat and Water Quality in Massachusetts Kathleen Mason, Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Power of Play <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Christina Madonia, US EPA</p> <hr/> <p>Guiding Outreach for Stormwater Pollution through a Regional Stormwater Stewardship Trail Brenda Zollitsch, Bangor Area Stormwater Group Megan Hess, Town of Orono, ME</p> <hr/> <p>Community at the Center: A Co-Design Approach for Climate Adaptation Planning in a Shared Watershed Beth Kirmmse & Lynn Rae, Fuss & O'Neill</p>
9:30 - 9:40	Break	
9:40 - 10:40	<p style="text-align: center;">Curb Appeal <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Meghan Selby, MassDEP</p> <hr/> <p>Great Bay Street Cleaning Study James Houle, University of New Hampshire</p> <hr/> <p>Establishing Vermont's O&M Program for Non-Regulatory Clean Water Projects Jill Sarazen, Lake Champlain Sea Grant Rachel Buchanan, Vermont Dept. of Environmental Conservation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Local Leads The Way <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Padmini Das, MassDEP</p> <hr/> <p>Building Community Capacity to Address Stormwater Issues with Nature-Based Solutions Alexandra Gulachenski, New England Environmental Finance Center Danica Belknap, SNEP Network Liaison</p> <hr/> <p>Watershed Planning, Partnerships and Public Education to Address Non-Point Source in a Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Ancestral Pond Jason Steiding & Dale Oakley Jr., Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe</p>
10:40 - 10:50	Break	

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<p>10:50 - 11:50</p>	<p>Streamlining Success <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Malcolm Harper, MassDEP</p> <p>Microbial Source Tracking to Inform Community-Based Water Quality Interventions Sarah Esenther & Michael Pascucilla, East Shore Health Department</p> <p>Finding the Easy Button: Enhancing Watershed Management with a New Prioritization Tool for Cost-Effective BMP Selection in Delaware Helen Smith, Devereux Consulting</p>	<p>Keep the Hay; Save the Bay <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Christina Madonia, US EPA</p> <p>Quantifying Colloid-Facilitated Phosphorus (Pcoll) Loss from Vermont Agricultural Watersheds to Lake Champlain Amasha Withana, The University of Vermont</p> <p>Building Barns and Financial Capacity: How a Conservation District Combined 6 Grants to Manage Agricultural NPS Pollution from a Connecticut Dairy Farm Marlene Krajewski, Connecticut DEEP</p>
<p>11:50 - 12:00</p>	<p>Break</p>	
<p>12:00 - 1:00</p>	<p>If You Plan It... <i>Regency A&B</i> Moderator: Padmini Das, MassDEP</p> <p>Better Together: A Community-Centered Planning Approach for a Clean, Connected, Climate Resilient Merrimack River Watershed Emma Gildesgame & Allyson Snell, The Nature Conservancy</p> <p>Going Green to Get Blue: Watershed Implementation for Queen Sewell Pond Michelle West & Sydney Stanton-Sheetz, Horsley Witten Group</p>	<p>Tool Time <i>Regency C</i> Moderator: Richard Friesner, NEIW PCC</p> <p>Climate Adaptation Stormwater Standards (CASS): A New Era in Stormwater Management Arrianna Proia & Julie Wood, Charles River Watershed Association</p> <p>The Watershed Protection Standard (WPS) Toolkit: Materials to Help Local Governments Protect their Watersheds in Partnership with Development Theresa McGovern, VHB James Houle, UNH Stormwater Center</p>

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Poster Presentations

Development of Best Management Practices for Connecticut State Parks, Boat Launches, and Beaches
Jenna Bartholomew, Connecticut DEEP

Collaborating for Clean Water: Partnership Pathways to Amplify Federal Funding
Kyle Gray & Joanne Throwe, Throwe Environmental

Healthy Waters, Healthy Communities: Building Partnerships for Nonpoint Source Solutions that Increase Resilience
Diane Mas, Fuss & O'Neill, Inc.

Improving Water Quality in Miacomet Pond, Nantucket, MA: The Role of Dredging and Beneficial Reuse in Nutrient Management
Erin Grimes & Chris Greene, Geosyntec Consultants

Leveraging Partnerships to Engage Diverse Groups and Build Capacity in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed
Sadie Friesen & Delaney Samons, Chesapeake Bay Trust

Mitigating Flood Risk through Wetland (Re)Construction: a Proposal Evaluating the Economic and Environmental Impacts on Cape Cod
Madison Ambrogi, Fitchburg State University

Modeling Vegetated Buffer Performance for Stormwater Management in Maine
Khalid Alvi, Ulteig Engineers Inc.
Kerem Gungor, Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Lake Watershed Action Plans: A Holistic Whole Watershed Approach to Clean Water Project Planning
Alison Marchione, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation

PTAP'ing Toward Nutrient Reduction Accountability
James Houle, University of New Hampshire

New York State's NPS Program: Creative Strategies for Participatory and Comprehensive Community Engagement
Gwendolyn Wynkoop, NYSDEC

Navigating Opportunities for Green Stormwater Infrastructure Across Cape Cod's Boat Ramps
Gemma Kite & Janelle Veary, Horsley Witten Group

Eager Beavers: Rewilding a Golf Course with Help from Nature's Engineers
Julianne Busa, Fuss & O'Neill

Cleaning Yarmouth's Waters with a Comprehensive GSI Approach
Michelle West, Horsley Witten Group

Retention of Microplastics in Rain Gardens: Mesocosm Study and Field Study
Gena Morin & Juanita Urban-Rich, UMass Boston